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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff at Headquarters

From: The Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Safety and Security

Subject: **Fireworks display on Tuesday, 4 July 2006**

1. The Macy's Independence Day fireworks display is a popular event for staff and delegates. Once again, we are pleased to offer an opportunity to enjoy the fireworks from the United Nations property that overlooks the East River. Security will be significantly enhanced for this event. As a result, we are again opening the premises to staff and delegates and their guests early on 4 July and ask all participants to cooperate with security arrangements and clearance procedures.

2. The fireworks will be displayed on 4 July from two locations on the East River: south of the Brooklyn Bridge and at 34th Street. The display is scheduled to take place from approximately 9 to 10 p.m. The FDR Drive from 14th to 42nd Streets will be closed by 7 p.m.

3. Members of delegations, staff and retirees wishing to view the display may do so from the garden lawn or from inside the complex in the Delegates' Dining Room, and North Delegates' Lounge, which are designated as public areas for viewing the fireworks. The plaza area at the Visitors' Entrance will be designated as a viewing area for those who are physically challenged. Access to the grounds that evening will be through the entrances at First Avenue and 46th Street (both interior and exterior tickets). Both of these entrances will be opened at 5 p.m.

4. The last United Nations guided tour on 4 July will leave at 4 p.m. and will end promptly at 5 p.m.

5. Please plan to arrive early to allow adequate time for screening at the entrances. All guests will need to present a ticket, and delegates, staff members and retirees will need to present **a valid United Nations grounds pass and a ticket** for access to the event.

6. Access to the complex will be restricted to holders of building passes and their **ticketed** guests. Each pass holder will be permitted to bring a maximum of three guests. Tickets of two different colours will be issued. A grey ticket will provide

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access to the interior of the complex; a green ticket will provide access to the grounds only.

7. Tickets will be issued to staff members and retirees on a first-come, first-served basis from the Staff Committee Office, in room S-525, extension 3-7075, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Wednesday, 28 June, until Friday, 30 June 2006, or until tickets are exhausted. For safety reasons, the number of people admitted to the interior of the complex will be limited by the safety code.

8. Tickets will be issued to members of delegations by the Pass and ID Unit of the Security and Safety Service, located in the UNITAR Building, extension 3-7533. Tickets for members of delegations will be available from Wednesday, 28 June, to Friday, 30 June 2006, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9. No tickets will be issued on 4 July and persons without tickets will not be admitted to the United Nations Headquarters complex.

10. All guests must be screened upon entry. Guests with green tickets (grounds only) will follow a queue that will pass through the lobby of the General Assembly Building and exit the east Canadian Doors to the outdoor area overlooking the East River. Staff members will be responsible for the conduct of their guests while at the United Nations. Guests must be escorted at all times while within the complex.

11. Staff members will be permitted to park in the United Nations garage (northern entrance, at 48th Street and the FDR Drive) at the weekend rate, upon presentation of a valid United Nations grounds pass. Guests will not be permitted to accompany staff members into the garage. Guests must be dropped off at the entrance at First Avenue and 46th Street. Once staff members park their vehicles, they should meet their guests outside the gate at the Visitors' Entrance and escort them into the premises.

12. Due to street closures, staff members will be directed by security officers to appropriate vehicle exits at the conclusion of the event.

13. Staff members and their guests who wish to view the display from their own offices are reminded that windows in the Secretariat building may not be opened under any circumstances. This provision will be strictly enforced.

14. Staff members are reminded that they should lock and secure their offices when they depart on Monday, 3 July 2006.

15. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on United Nations grounds. Bringing backpacks, luggage and packages is discouraged and may cause delays in entry. The Security and Safety Service has the authority to inspect all packages and will enforce this regulation.

16. In the event of an emergency, the Security Control Centre should be contacted at extension 3-6666. The United Nations Security Fire Unit will have emergency medical technicians (EMTs) on stand-by to assist with any medical issue that may arise. Staff from the Medical Services Division will also be present on stand-by.

17. In conclusion, I wish you a safe and happy celebration and thank you for your anticipated cooperation with these arrangements.